Use of pornographic websites

1658. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Government's web domain'.in' is being used by some in respect of their pornographic websites;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the action taken to cancel such contract and prevent recurrence of such incidence in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) in Registry was informed about a pornographic website under the domain name "sex.in".

(c) As per the .in policy and under the extant clauses of agreement immediate action was taken by the .in Registry to suspend the site "sex.in", which was complied with promptly by the concerned Registrar. The Registry-Registrar agreement under clause 3.4.4.5 empowers the .in Registry to suspend such sites that violate any Indian law or the IT Act of 2000.

Utilisation of ITI's expertise

1659. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mandate on MTNL/BSNL to purchase their equipment from ITI is proposed to be scrapped;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether incorporation of OEM clause in the tender regime has effectively barred ITI from contending for the BSNL supply orders even though ITI's quotation was most competitive;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether such measures are against the interest of ITI and are driving it towards closure; and